

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 1 – EPA New England 5 Post Office Square – Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Michael Carter Chief Administrator City of New Haven 165 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510

Re:

Request for Information Pursuant to Section 308 of the Clean Water Act; EPA Docket

No. CWA-01-308-15-003

Dear Mr. Carter:

The City of New Haven (the "City") owns and operates at least three facilities or systems permitted under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES"): a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4"), the New Haven Department of Public Works Central Services Building ("DPW Yard"), and the New Haven Refuse Vehicle Garage ("Refuse Vehicle Garage").

Section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act (the "Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), makes unlawful the discharge of any pollutant into waters of the United States except in compliance with an NPDES permit and other enumerated provisions of the Act. Section 308(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a), authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to require the owner or operator of a point source to provide information needed to determine whether there has been a violation of the Act.

The City is hereby required, pursuant to Section 308(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a), to respond to this Request for Information (the "Request") within 45 calendar days of the receipt of this letter. Please read the instructions in Attachment A carefully before preparing your response and answer each item in Attachment B as clearly and completely as possible.

Your response to this Request must be accompanied by a certificate that it is signed and dated by the person who is authorized to respond to the Request. A Statement of Certification, Attachment C, is attached to this letter.

Attachment D is an inspection report presenting results from sampling performed by EPA in the City's MS4 on November 25, 2014.

Information submitted pursuant to this Request shall be sent by certified mail and shall be addressed as follows:

United States Environmental Protection Agency
New England Region
5 Post Office Square - Suite 100 (OES 04-1)
Boston, MA 02109-3912
Attn: Jack Melcher

and

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Bureau of Materials Management & Compliance Assurance Water Permitting and Enforcement Division 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106-5127 Attn: Kim Hudak

Compliance with this Request is mandatory. Failure to respond fully and truthfully, or to adequately justify any failure to respond within the time frames specified herein, also constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act subject to enforcement action, including the assessment of penalties. In addition, providing false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

If you have questions regarding this Request, please contact Jack Melcher, Enforcement Officer, at (617) 918-1663 or have your attorney contact Michael Wagner, Senior Enforcement Counsel, at (617) 918-1735.

Sincerely,

James Chow, Manager

Technical Enforcement Office

Office of Environmental Stewardship

ce: Kim Hudak, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection